

From Rufus Taylor, Esq.  
Printer of Br. Mint  
New Orleans.  
Feb 14/38.  
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New Orleans Branch Mint  
Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 1838

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you in relation to my duties in this Institution that I am progressing as fast with the preparatory arrangements and fixtures belonging to my Department as the circumstances under which we labour, will permit — That I am not at this moment ready for active operation must be attributed to the condition in which we found the Building and the Machinery which had been misplaced by Mr Hope — As it is I expect to be able to do something at coming before the end of March — I should be glad to have a few pair of Dies for the half Dollars, and for Dimes and half Dimes, as I am preparing the largest and the smallest Presses to ~~commence~~ commence upon —

The Bill of Lading for the brass castings has been handed me but the vessel has not yet arrived — The Adjusting Balances ordered from Mr Francis have not been received but will soon be required, I have to request therefore that you will be pleased to cause inquiry to be made concerning them and if convenient have them sent on.

My large Balance for weighing ~~silver~~ silver Coins, Planets, &c. and ~~another~~ for the adjusting Room are also wanting —

In addition to the foregoing requests, I beg leave to suggest that it appears to me highly important that I should have fair samples of all the Coins intended to be struck at this Branch

Expressed Mail  
To Dr. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia  
(Pa)



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As soon as the funds written for arrive, the amount of the Draft will be forwarded to you - We yet hope we may be in time to anticipate the arrival of the men and the presentation of the Draft -

The Melting & Refining, and the Assaying departments are I believe nearly ready to commence operation, and we have had the offer of a deposit of five or six thousand dollars to await the time of beginning to coin, but could not receive it for want of the means of ascertaining its value

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Very respectfully

Your obedient servant  
Rufus Tyler  
Coiner

To / Dr R. M. Patterson

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